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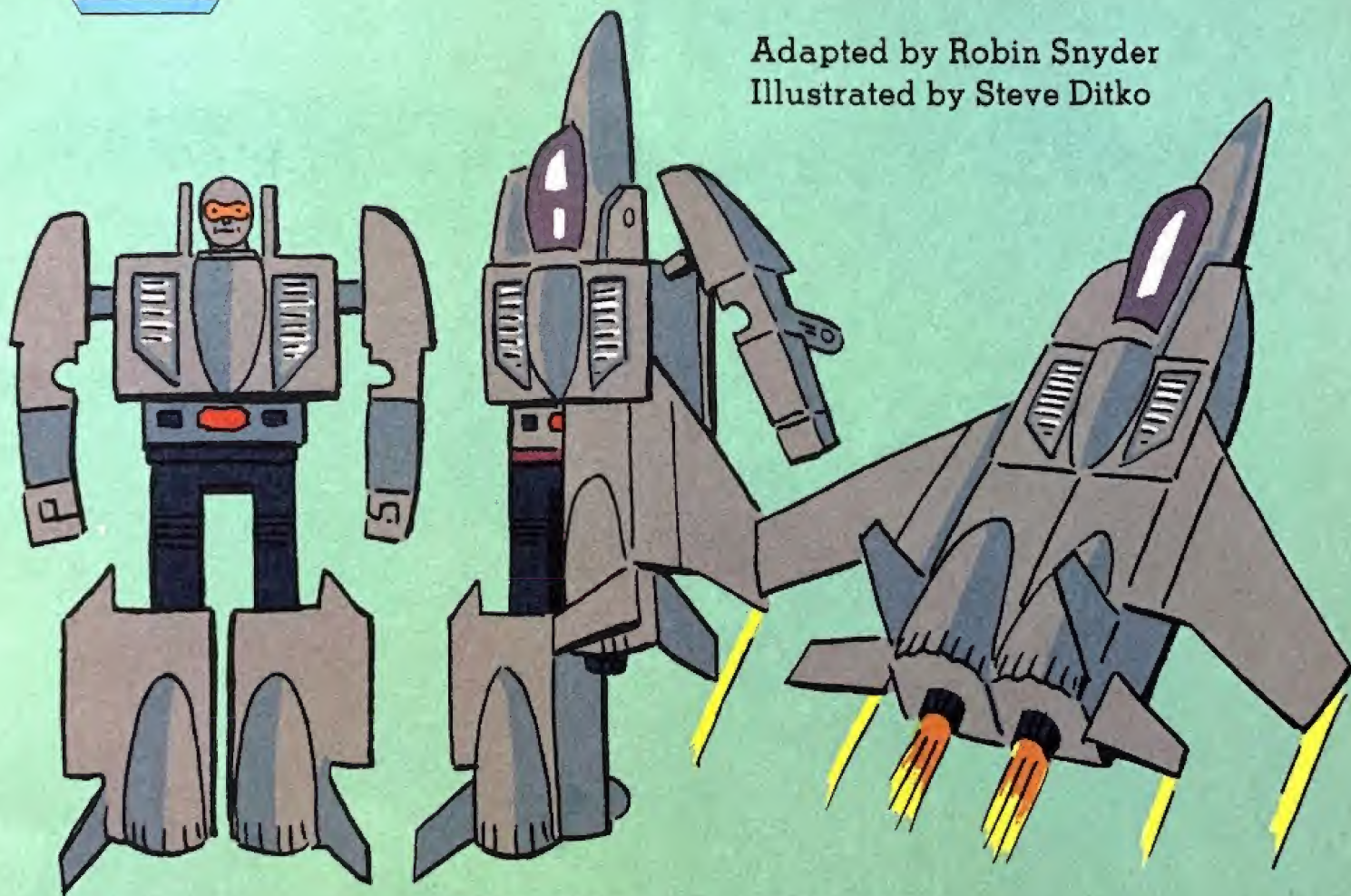
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A B C D E F G H I J

Across the vastness of space, in one of the spiraling arms of the Milky Way, spins the metallic, high-tech planet GoBotron. Long ago, GoBotron scientists discovered a way to replace the worn-out parts of their bodies with artificial organs of plastic and metal. After adapting to their new bodies, the GoBots mastered the art of metamorphosis. They could transform their bodies into new, unique shapes.

Soon thereafter, a shocking event took place.



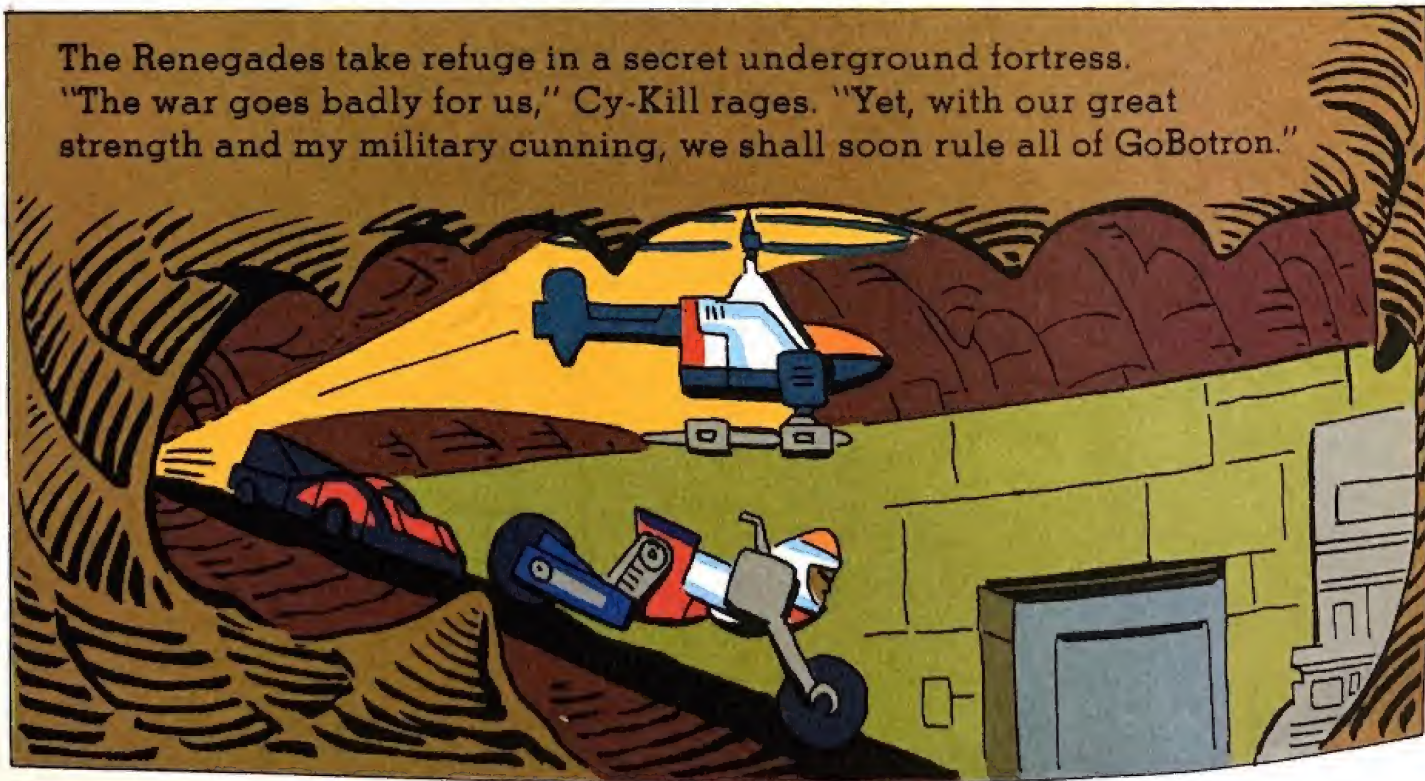
The sinister Renegade forces, led by diabolical Cy-Kill, launched a terrible attack against representatives of the legitimate GoBot government—the Guardians.



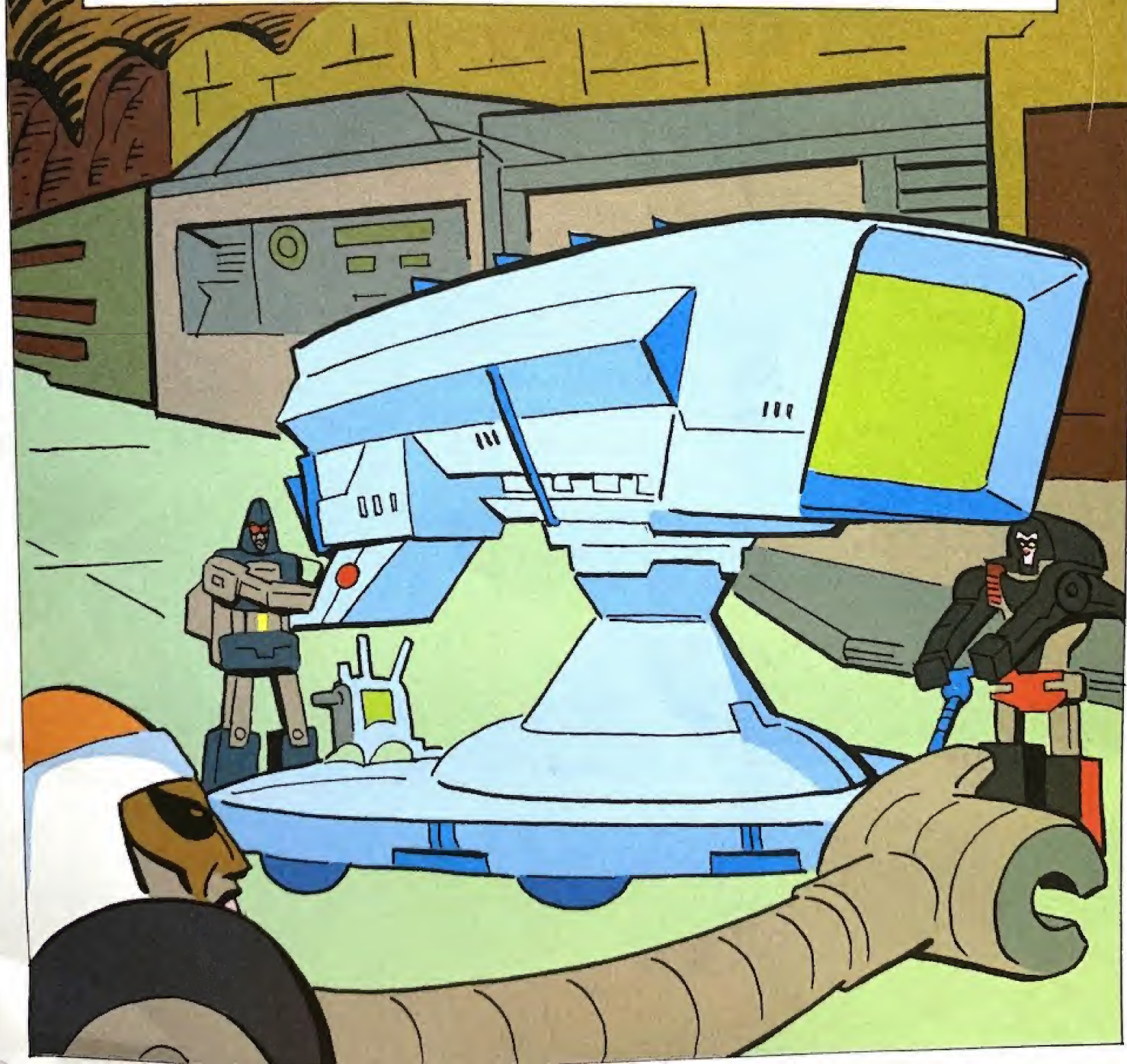
Leader-1, head of the Guardians, and his forces soon gain the upper hand. They drive the enemy into retreat.



The Renegades take refuge in a secret underground fortress. "The war goes badly for us," Cy-Kill rages. "Yet, with our great strength and my military cunning, we shall soon rule all of GoBotron."



Cy-Kill orders his followers to load the Renegades' powerful Astrobeam, a matter transporter, aboard their spacecraft, *Thruster*, to prepare for a total retreat.



In contrast to the cataclysmic events on war-torn GoBotron, near Earth the space shuttle *Intrepid* sails through space on a fact-finding mission for AstroCorps's Operations Control.



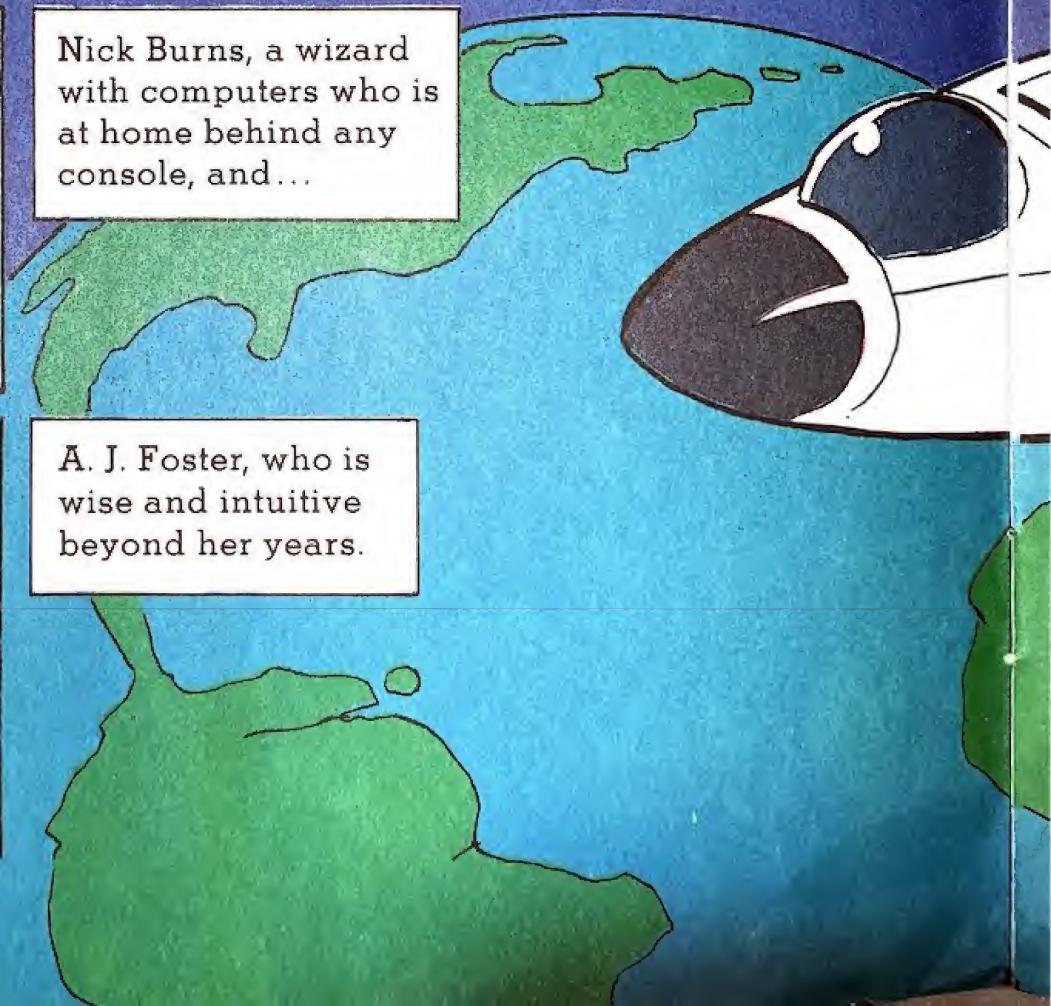
Piloting the sleek craft is Matt Hunter, the brilliant daredevil captain of AstroCorps. Also aboard are teenagers...

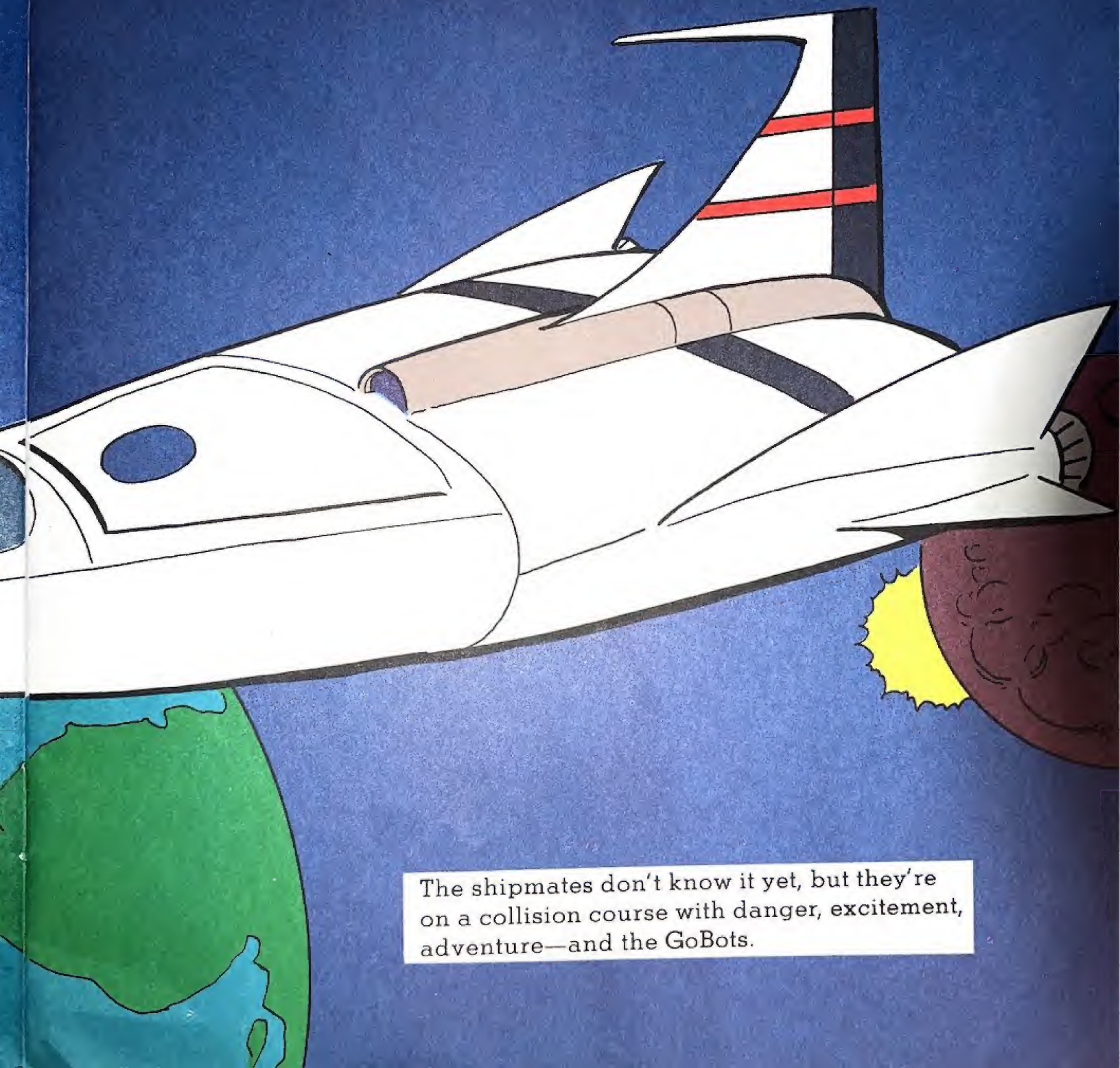


Nick Burns, a wizard with computers who is at home behind any console, and...



A. J. Foster, who is wise and intuitive beyond her years.





The shipmates don't know it yet, but they're on a collision course with danger, excitement, adventure—and the GoBots.

Meanwhile, back on GoBotron...

"Our forces are being beaten at every turn, mighty Cy-Kill," snarls treacherous Psycho.



"Then, order a retreat, fool," the mad Cy-Kill screams. "Leader-1's triumph will be short. He has yet to win the war!"

Cy-Kill addresses his two closest followers. "We three shall set up a new base of operations on the planet Earth. Our ability to change shape will allow us to blend in, and the weak humans will be easy to subdue and enslave. More important, the planet is rich in Sorium, the metal we need to conquer GoBotron. After GoBotron, we'll conquer all the inhabited galaxies!"



The three criminals abandon their fellow Renegades on GoBotron and escape to Earth. Aboard *Thruster* are...



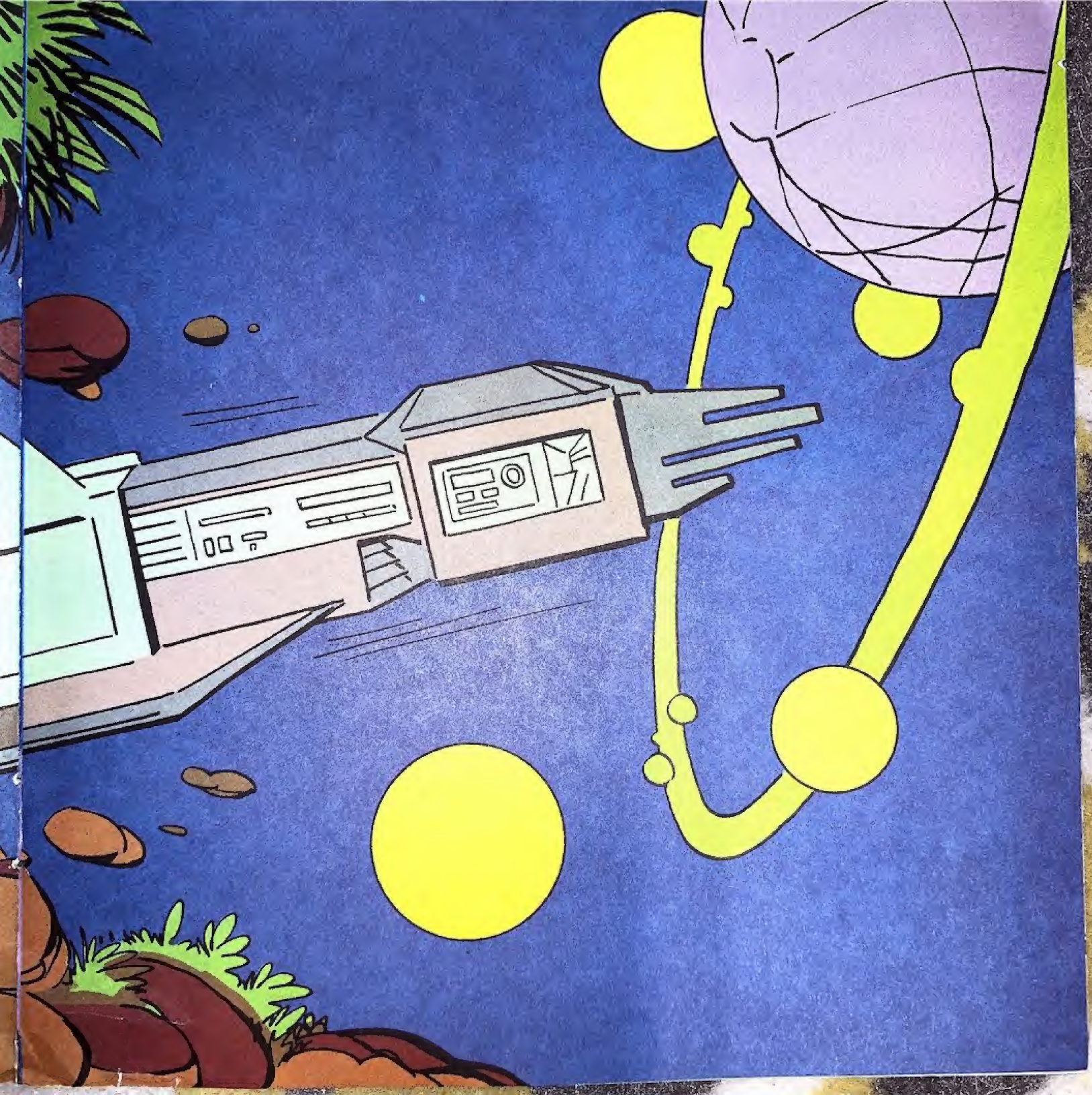
Cy-Kill, the cold, calculating megalomaniac leader of the Renegades...



Crasher, the wicked witch of GoBotron, who is intoxicated by any warped act of destruction, and...



Cop-Tur—brooding, malevolent—pound for pound the strongest of the GoBots.

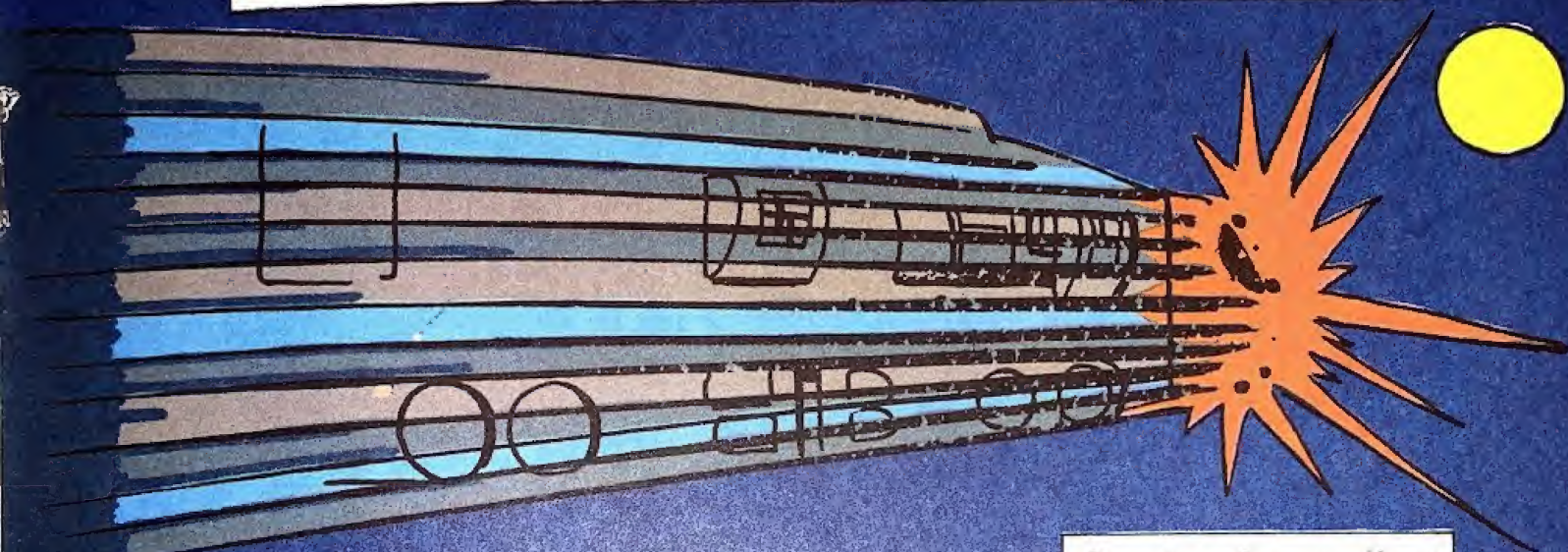




Later, at the GoBotron capital, Leader-1 tells the GoBot Council of Cy-Kill's escape to Earth.

"Though defeated for now, this madman will never give up his dreams of conquest. I pledge myself, and my loyalty to GoBotron, to thwart the Renegades' plans," he solemnly vows.

Leader-1 hopes to accomplish his mission without drawing attention to himself or causing panic on Earth. As the *Guardian Command Center* reaches hyperspeed, he outlines his plans. He has complete faith in his select team.



Leader-1...



Turbo, the hot-headed but loyal and courageous freedom-fighter...

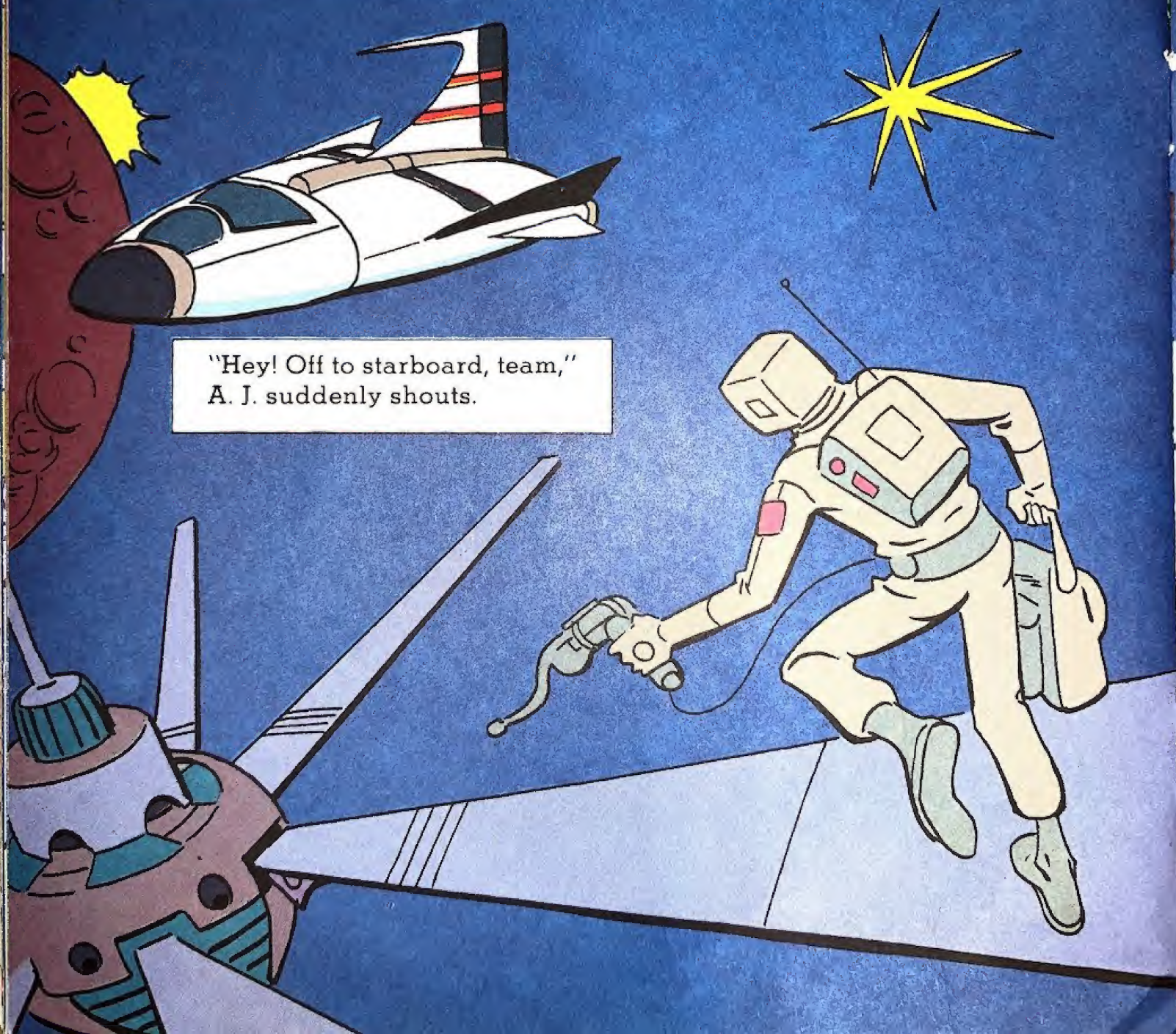


Scooter, the smallest and weakest of the Guardians, who can interface with any computer to retrieve needed information.



Meanwhile, the space shuttle *Intrepid*, in high Earth orbit, is conducting a routine mission to repair a malfunctioning communications satellite.

"Hey! Off to starboard, team,"
A. J. suddenly shouts.



The Renegade spacecraft *Thruster* leaps out of hyperspace to smash the satellite and streak by the shuttle.



"Good night,"
shouts Matt.
"Where did that
come from?"

"Jeepers," gasps A. J.
"And where's it going?"

Back at AstroCorps's
Operations Control...

"You dunderhead!" yells
Professor Braxis, the satellite
specialist. "What have you
done to my satellite?"



"Operations Control doesn't believe
my report of the UFO," Matt says.
"Since they can only break us once,
what say we track the alien craft?"

"Aye-aye, Captain,"
A. J. agrees.



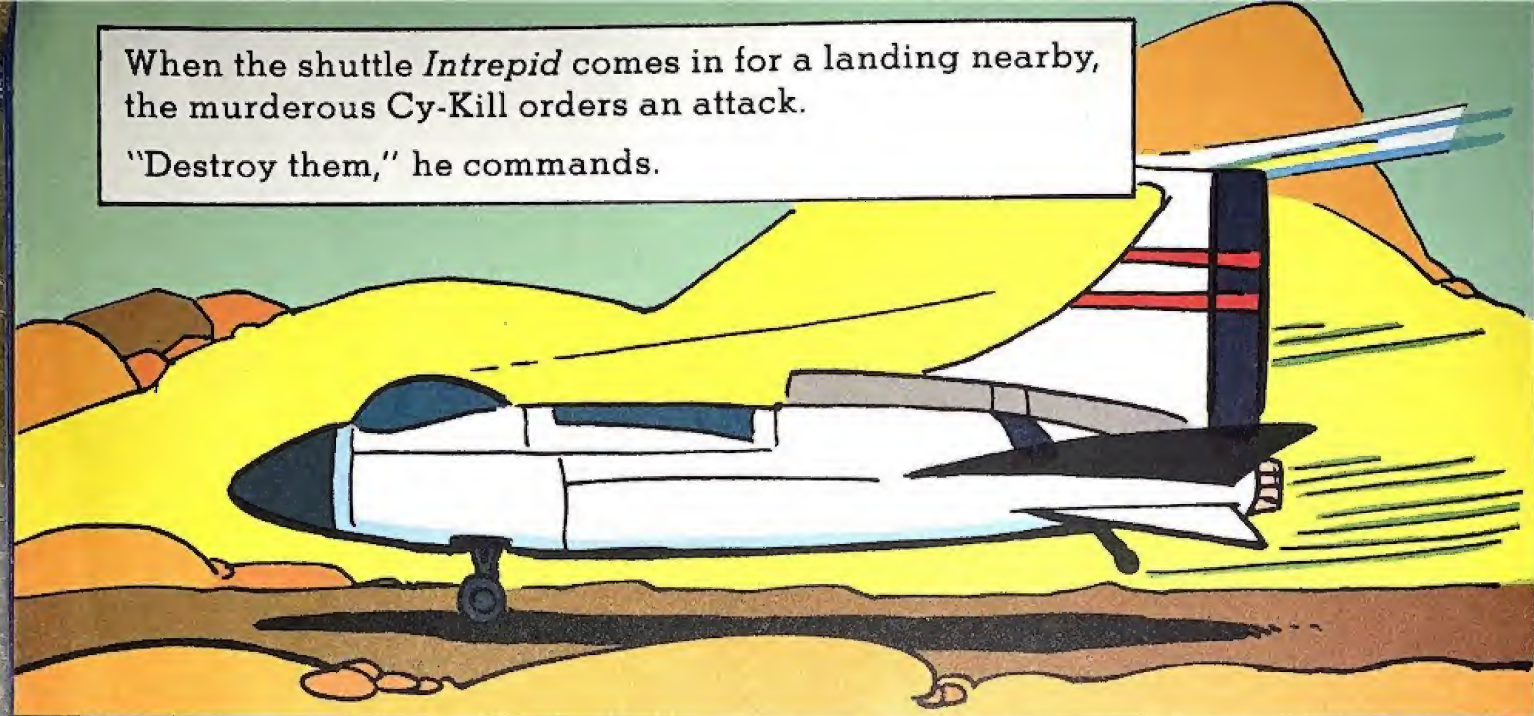
"Roger,"
chips in Nick.

As Operations Control tracks Matt's unauthorized pursuit, the Renegade GoBots set down in a stark desert mountain area in the southwestern United States.

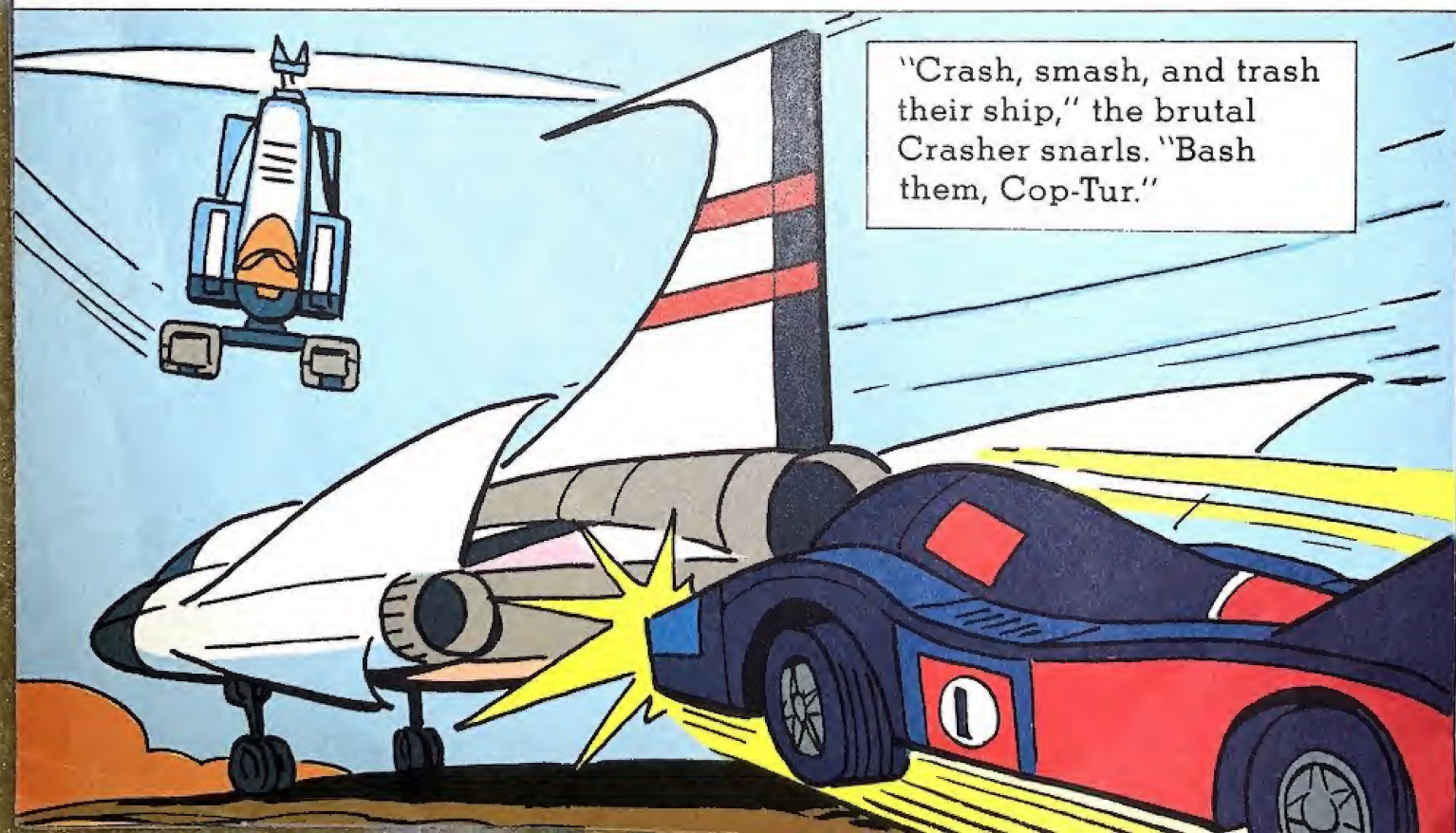


When the shuttle *Intrepid* comes in for a landing nearby, the murderous Cy-Kill orders an attack.

"Destroy them," he commands.



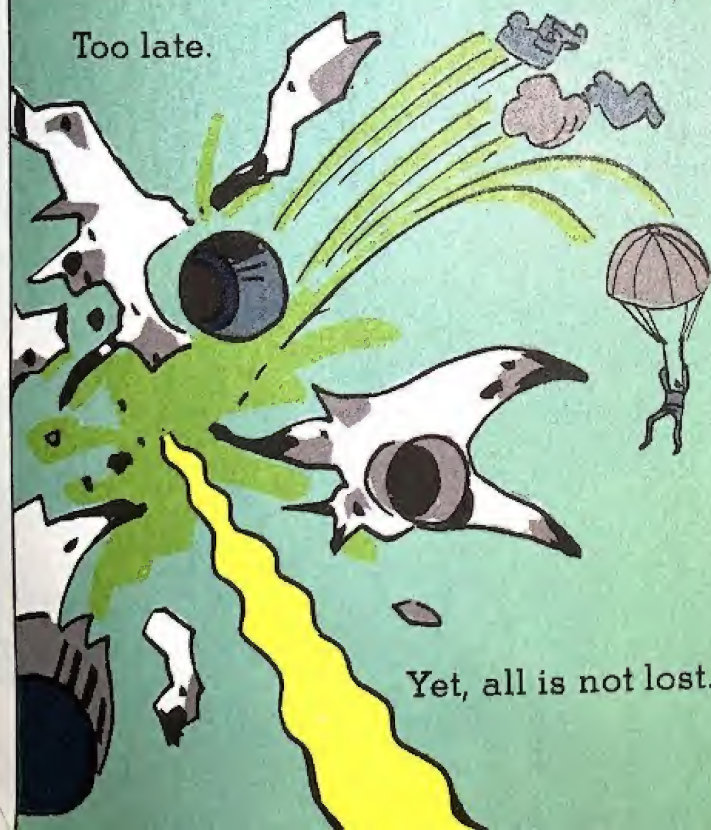
"Crash, smash, and trash their ship," the brutal Crasher snarls. "Bash them, Cop-Tur."



Matt, attempting to escape, quickly lifts the shuttle back in the air.



Too late.

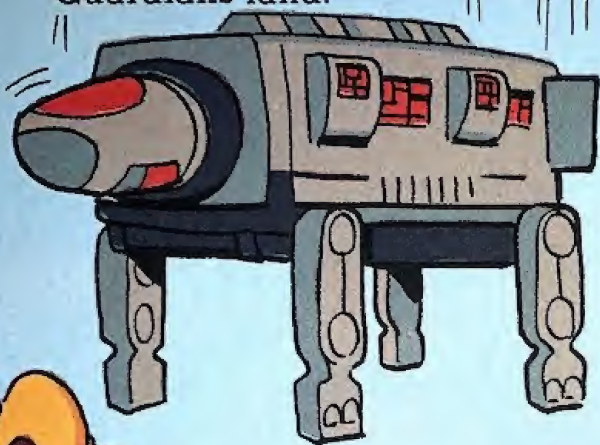


Yet, all is not lost.

Operations Control sees the destruction of the shuttle on the tracking screen. An armada of helicopters is immediately dispatched to investigate.



"I've located the Renegades!"
exclaims Leader-1, as the
Guardians land.



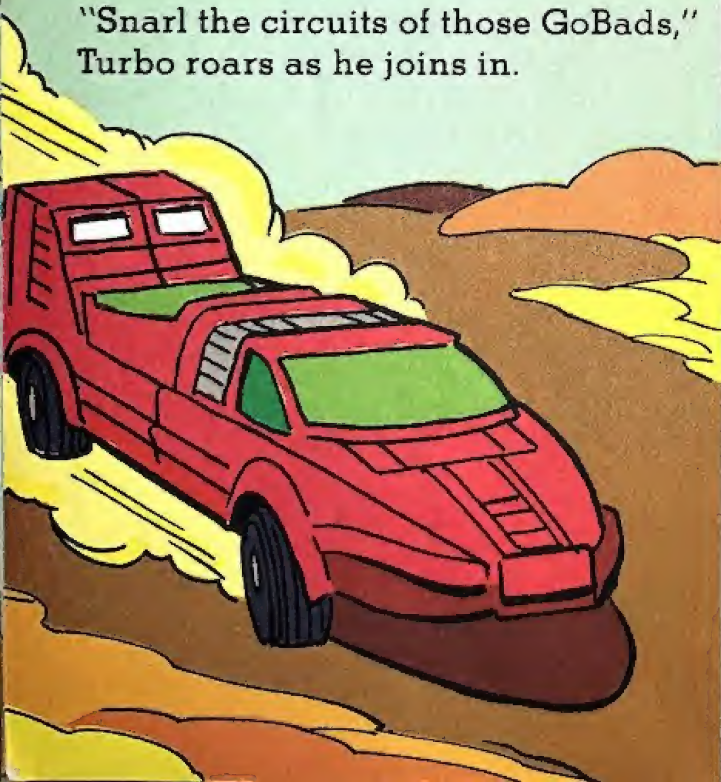
"So soon?" sputters
a trembling Scooter.



"This is it, men,"
shouts Leader-1.
"Get them!"



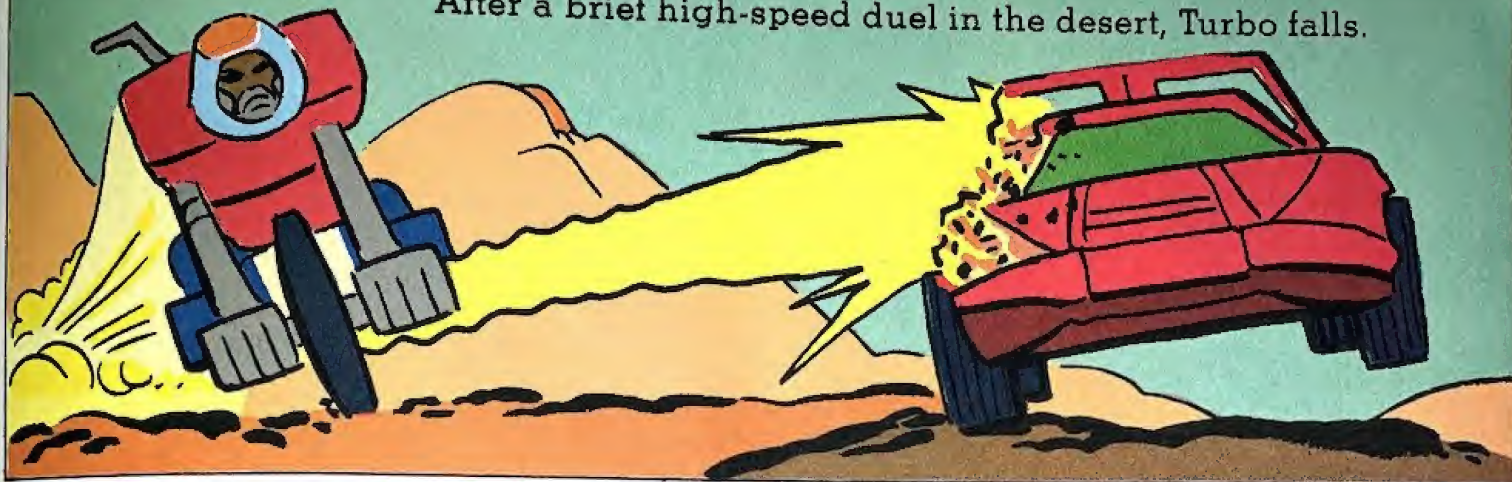
"Snarl the circuits of those GoBads,"
Turbo roars as he joins in.



"I'd better stay behind—
to keep the engines
warm," Scooter thinks.



After a brief high-speed duel in the desert, Turbo falls.

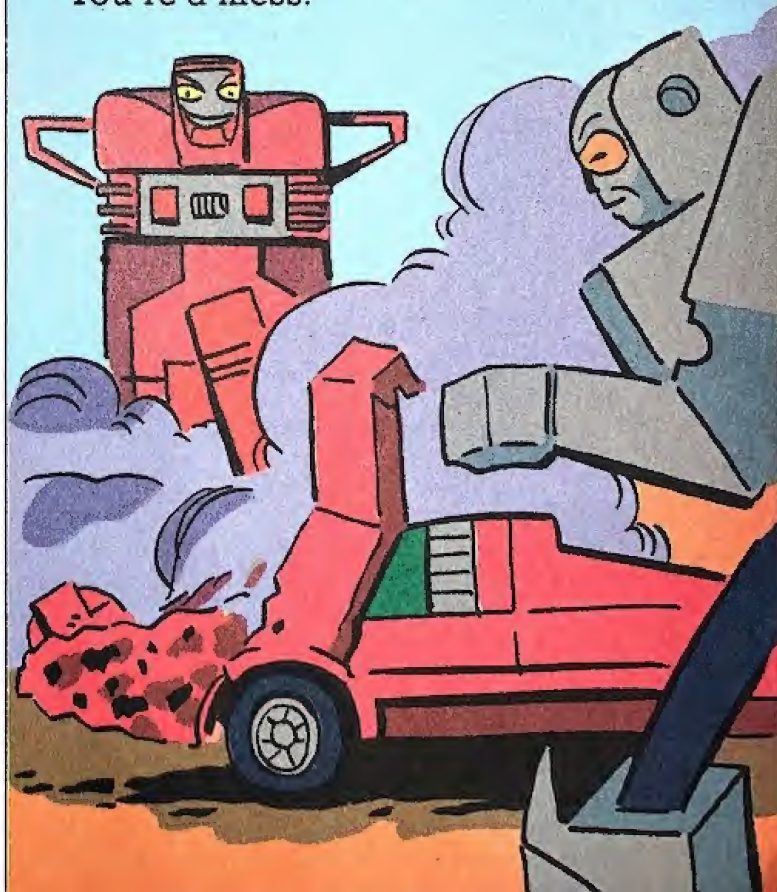


Using his Protective Force Field to surround them, Leader-1 drags Turbo to safety.



"Stay behind me," he says, as the Renegades' energy blasts ricochet off his shield.

"I hope you brought spare parts," Scooter moans, seeing Turbo's extensive damage. "You're a mess!"



"Will you look at that,"
Matt says.

"I never saw anything
like those things,"
A. J. adds.

"And it looks like
our cover is
blown, too,"
gasps Nick.



"Blast!"
Cy-Kill shouts.
"More humans are
coming. Retreat."



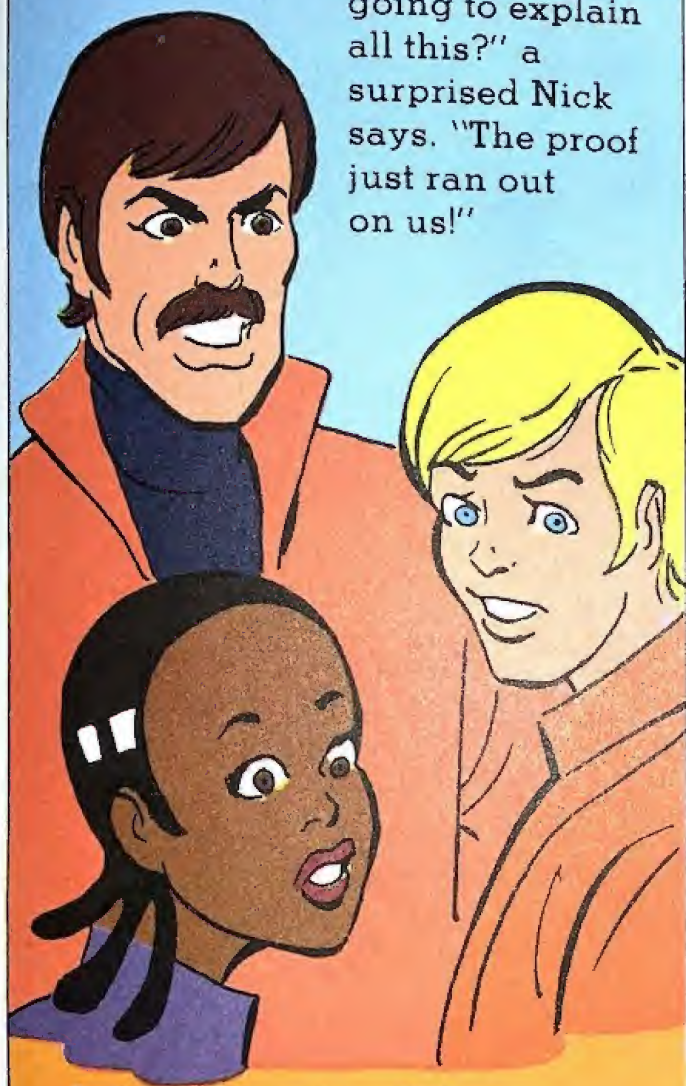
To the surprise of Matt and the others,
the Guardians take off as well.

"The chase must wait," Leader-1
says. "First we must be sure
of Turbo's well-being."



"Good night,
what an adventure!"
Matt exclaims.

"And how are we
going to explain
all this?" a
surprised Nick
says. "The proof
just ran out
on us!"



A. J. quickly adds, "More
important than that, since no
one will believe us, it'll be up to
us to investigate the mystery of
those weird space creatures."

"All right.
What the devil's
going on here,
Hunter?" yells
the captain of
the chopper fleet.



"Hiya, guys," says Matt, at a loss for words. "You'll never believe what happened on the way to the satellite..."

"You'll explain at headquarters," snarls the captain. "This isn't over yet."

"Don't I know it," Matt replies grimly.

What Hunter and his friends don't know, however, is that out there somewhere the Renegades have a human accomplice—and time is short.



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